

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten paragraph:

A method and system of selling healthcare services to a patient. A number of healthcare service providers are contracted and registered with a healthcare marketplace operator. Information regarding the healthcare service providers is stored in a database. A prospective patient is provided with a case statement template having one or more areas to specify clinical and non-clinical requirements ~~of the patient~~. The patient uses the template to provide case statement information to the marketplace operator. ~~In many instances, the case statement template is completed with the assistance of the patient's primary physician.~~ The case statement information is received and ~~processed by the marketplace operator.~~ ~~The~~ the marketplace operator generates a case statement from the case statement information. ~~and the~~ The case statement is ~~made available or distributed~~ transmitted to contracting healthcare providers. ~~In general, the~~ The healthcare providers can set a number of screening factors to filter the case statements they receive. ~~so that they receive case statements related to the type of medical procedures the healthcare service providers wish to perform.~~ Interested healthcare providers then prepare ~~proposals or responses to the patient's case statement.~~ The responses received ~~from~~ from the healthcare service providers are then delivered to the prospective patient. The prospective patient then reviews the responses from the healthcare providers. ~~The responses may include clinical quality indicators such as mortality rate, physician licensing, physician and medical staff experience, malpractice claims, available medical equipment, and other relevant information.~~ The patient may secure the services of one of the contracting service providers by submitting a deposit.